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1. Increased border control

Maneuvers carried out in the border area between 6 and 15 August 1949 were used as pretext for increased activity on the part of border formations, which were reinforced by members of the StB, of whom eight were temporarily attached to the SNB at Rozvadov. The main purpose of the close supervision of the border by the police was to prevent members of the Czechoslovak Army from crossing the border.

2. Construction of obstacles along the border

In the woods along the border, obstacles are being built at a distance of 150 to 200 yards from the frontier by cutting trees which are then tied onto standing trees horizontally up to a height of 6 feet. Open spaces like pastures, grassland, roads, etc., are cut by ditches 6 yards wide and 10 feet deep. Furthermore, a no man's land is to be created along the western border to a depth of 3 miles, by evacuating the population from this belt.

27 May 1949

3. Co-operation with the German border police

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two political prisoners formerly held at Bory prison in Plzen had escaped across the border after being detailed to the Velke Dvorce estate near Tachov for forced labor. The names of the fugitives were given as (fnu) Krejcik and (fnu) Sevcik.

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